# PREPARATION

## **EDUCATION**

The Department of Boating and Waterways recommends taking a boating safety class offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadrons, or certain chapters of the American Red Cross. For more information on Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron classes call:

## Toll-Free:

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: (800) 869-SAIL(7245)

U.S. Power Squadrons: (800) SEÁ-SKIL (732-7545)

U.S. Coast Guard Customer Infoline: (800) 368-5647

The Department of Boating and Waterways offers a home study guide, California Boating Safety Course. For more information see postcard in centerfold. In addition, Aquatic Centers, operated by colleges, universities, and nonprofit organizations throughout California, offer on the water boating safety courses for a number of different boating activities, including sailing, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, and the use of personal watercraft. Please see our Website www.dbw.ca.gov under "education" for more information.

#### **WFATHER**

Before you begin a cruise, check the local "weather and sea" conditions. Detailed information can be obtained by tuning in to local radio stations or the National Weather Radio broadcasts on frequencies of 162.400, 162.475, and 162.550 MHz in areas where available, or by consulting local newspapers.

	STOR	M ADVIS	SORIES	
Daytime Signals				
Night Signals				
	Small Craft Winds up to 38 mph	<b>Gale</b> Winds 39 to 54 mph	Storm Winds 55 to 73 mph	Hurricane Winds 74 mph and up

NOTE: In some areas, the display of storm advisory flags has been discontinued. Boaters should check current weather conditions before getting under way.

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At selected locations in and near boating areas, storm advisories are displayed by flag hoists or lights. Coast Guard stations and many marinas no longer display storm advisory flags. Remaining display points are located at some park ranger stations, marinas, or municipal piers. A boater should become familiar with the display stations in the area and the meanings of the signals.

# EPIRB OR VHF MARINE RADIO LICENSING INFORMATION

For information on getting a license for a VHF marine radio or Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB), contact the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at (800) 418-3676 for forms, or (888) CALL-FCC for assistance.

#### **FUFLING**

Most fires happen after fueling. To prevent fires, follow these rules:

- Don't smoke or strike matches.
- Shut off motors. Turn off electric equipment.
- Close all windows, doors and openings.
- Take portable tanks out of the boat and fill them on the dock.
- Keep the filling nozzle in contact with the tank.
- Wipe up any spilled gas with petroleum-absorbent pads. Discard the pads in a safe manner.
- Ventilate for at least five minutes. Make sure there is no odor of gasoline anywhere in the boat.
- Periodically check the system for fuel leaks.
- Visually check for leaks, or fuel in the bilges.

# **ROAT CAPACITY**

Single-hull motorboats less than 20 feet in length which are manufactured after 1972 must display capacity and safe horsepower information. The maximum weight in persons, gear and motors is offered as a guide to boaters, and should not be exceeded. It is not a violation of federal or California state law to exceed recommended maximums. However, other states may cite an operator who exceeds capacity and horsepower limitations. Some insurance companies will not insure craft exceeding horsepower maximums and some boat manufacturers will void any applicable warranties for the same reasons.

#### LOADING

It's the operator's responsibility that supplies be carefully loaded and all passengers be properly seated. Remember:

- Spread weight evenly.
- Fasten gear to prevent shifting.
- Keep passengers seated.
- Don't overload.

# CHECK LIST AND FLOAT PLAN

CITEC	K LIST			
Before er	mbarking on a cruise:			
1. File a	float plan (see below)			
2. Give	consideration to basic saf	ety items, includin	g the following:	
U V	essel in good condition		Tools	
□ V <sub>1</sub>	essel properly loaded		Extra starting battery	
ПА	mple supply of fuel		Personal flotation devices	
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□ Ва	ailing Device		Visual distress signals	
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